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SUBJECT: CANADIAN VIEWS ON CD MEMBERSHIP

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1. CANADIAN EMBOFF (ROSE) CALLED ON DEPARTMENT POLMIL OFFICER AND ACDA OFFICER TO DISCUSS STATUS OF SELECTION OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF CD. HE NOTED THAT THERE IS NO CONSENSUS ON POSSIBLE NATO CANDIDATE, ALTHOUGH BELGIANS ARE PRESSING HARD IN MANY CAPITALS. CANADA HOWEVER FAVORS NORWEGIAN CANDIDACY. NORWAY IS AN IMPORTANT COUNTRY ON NORTHERN FLANK, AND HAS CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE IN DISARMAMENT ISSUES. THERE IS ALSO ALREADY HEAVY CENTRAL EUROPEAN REPRESENTATION IN CD AND NORWAY WOULD OFFER BETTER GEO-
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GRAPHIC BALANCE. IN ADDITION HE NOTED THAT NORWAY, LIKE CANADA, IS ALSO NON-EC MEMBER AND THEREFORE MORE ATTRACTIVE TO CANADA.

2. US REPLIED THAT WE HAVE OPEN MIND ON SELECTION OF NATO CANDIDATE AND COULD LIVE WITH ANY STATE AGREED UPON BY OTHER NATO MEMBERS. WE WISHED TO AVOID ACRIMONIOUS DEBATE

WITHIN NATO ON THIS ISSUE, BUT DID NOT YET HAVE PROPOSAL ON
HOW TO AVOID THIS. DRAWING ON REFTEL US ALSO BRIEFED ROSE
ON RESULTS OF BILATERAL CONVERSATIONS WITH SOVIETS. CHRISTOPHER

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